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SUBJECT: JEWELRY MARKING

REF: STATE 010783

1) THERE ARE NO GOJ OR OTHER REQUIREMENTS THAT REQUIRE GOLD, PLATINUM, SILVER, OR ANY OTHER JEWELRY TO BE MARKED. IF GOLD JEWELRY IS MARKED 14K, THERE IS NO SPECIFIC REGULATION THAT IT MUST ACTUALLY BE 14K. SIMILARLY, THERE ARE NO SPECIFIC GOJ OR OTHER REGULATIONS THAT PLATINUM OR SILVER JEWELRY MARKED FOR CONTENT MUST ACTUALLY CONFORM TO THAT CONTENT. THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 4 (PROHIBITION OF MISLEADING REPRESENTATION) OF ACT NUMBER 134 DATED MAY 15, 1962 OF GOJ ANTIMONOPOLY LEGISLATION COVERING MISREPRESENTATION AND DECEPTIVE BUSINESS PRACTICES DO, HOWEVER, APPLY. MISREPRESENTATION WITH REGARD TO THE MARKING OF JEWELRY, AS IN ALL CASES OF MISREPRESENTATION, WOULD EXPOSE THE SELLER TO ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION AND POSSIBLE PROSECUTION BY THE JAPANESE FAIR TRADE COMMISSION. THERE IS NO EXACT DEFINITION OF MISREPRESENTATION AS APPLIED TO CONFORMANCE TO MARKED CONTENT ON JEWELRY NOR ANY DEFINITIVE RANGE OF TOLERANCE BEYOND WHICH THE JAPANESE FTC WOULD NORMALLY INTERVENE.

2) IN ADDITION, THERE IS PROVISION FOR VOLUNTARY INSPECTION AT THE COORDINATION DEPARTMENT OF THE MINT OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE. IF THE MANUFACTURER CHOOSES TO UNDERGO

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THIS INSPECTION AND RECEIVE THE ACCOMPANYING GOJ MINT

CERTIFICATE, JEWELRY MARKED 14K GOLD MUST INCLUDE
585/1000 MINIMUM GOLD CONTENT. ARTICLES MARKED STERLING
SILVER MUST CONTAIN 900/1000 MINIMUM SILVER CONTENT.
ITEMS MARKED PURE PLATINUM MUST CONTAIN 1000/1000 PLATINUM
CONTENT WITH ALLOWANCE FOR SOME UNSPECIFIED COMMERCIAL
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